



COL. OSCAR DE PRIEST

Former Alderman from the second ward; head of the Peoples movement who is working very hard to raise funds for Dr. La Roy N. Bundy, in order to enable his lawyers to perfect an appeal of his case to the Supreme Court of Illinois.

FOR UNITY OF ACTION AT EPOCHAL CRISIS IN RACE HISTORY

To our Colored American Editors:

All thoughtful Colored Americans felt it fortunate that the closing world war was declared to be for world democracy, "for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own government." We all felt this war slogan was our only hope of deriving any relief from participation. Very unfortunately there arose a division over demanding the fulfillment as an integral part of the war's settlement, a large portion of the Race favoring the movement to send petitioners to petition for an agreement to grant democracy to citizens of Color at the Peace Conclave, others opposing the attempt as a "domestic" question, and favoring a demand as to the German African Colonies.

The events of 3 months have made it possible for a uniting of all elements, since the League of Nations draft gives Africa no freedom, and it has leaked out that Pres. Wilson himself, fathered a clause against religious discrimination in a provisional draft, thus affording a precedent for a clause against racial discrimination. There is now a strong feeling that when history is written it shall not be recorded that the advanced Colored millions of America elsewhere defaulted their own cause for democracy by division when peace was made after a world war in which they fought and died. Let us unite for positive action.

To this great end the Managing Committee of the Colored World Democracy Congress (which represented the race very generally) under the Equal Rights League has accepted a compromise suggestion of a peace clause on which it is hoped all editors and leaders will unite, as it's so worded as to recognize our right to recognize our right to World Democracy at the Paris Conclave, yet not empower the League of Nations to interfere within any nation, thus removing the "domestic question" argument. Here is the clause:

"Real democracy for the world being the avowed war aim of nations establishing the League of Nations, the high contracting parties agree to vouchsafe to their citizens respectively full liberty, rights of democracy and protection of life without restriction of distinction based on race, color, or previous condition."

The Committee earnestly appeals to our editors to publish this proposed amendment to the League of Nations Covenant, which reached the Peace Conference Commission, March 22nd; to comment on it and urge the holding of mass meetings demanding its adoption at Paris, in the least we can ask for if we are

not to oppose ratification. Let us say so now.

Yours that our race may not go down in history as dividing at such an epoch.

Byron Gunner, Hilburn, N. Y.; Chairman Executive Committee.

P. S. Labor Unions, Jewish-Americans, Irish-Americans, the Japs on their own cause are so active, how about publishing this clause under the heading—"WORLD DEMOCRACY PETITION." We, the undersigned, hereby petition the World Peace Conference at Paris, to incorporate the above clause in the League of Nations Covenant to fulfill the promises of the war for democracy for men everywhere.

Name _____ Address _____

P. S. Sign, get others to sign, and mail promptly to the editor or to Byron Gunner, Hilburn, N. Y.

HAMPTONS FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Hampton, Va., special.—The commemoration of the first half-century of Hampton Institute, originally planned for the spring of 1918 but twice postponed on account of the war and the influenza epidemic, will be held on May 1 and 2.

The program for May 1 includes the dedication of "The Robert C. Ogden Memorial Auditorium," with addresses by Dr. James H. Kirkland, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University; the Rev. Dr. Wilton Merle-Smith, Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, New York; and Isaac Fisher, University Editor, Fisk University.

Following the dedicatory exercises, a memorial service, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Francis Greenwood Peabody of Cambridge, Mass., will be held in the school cemetery, where Gen. Samuel C. Armstrong, Founder of Hampton, and Dr. Hollis B. Frissell, Principal from 1893 to 1917, are buried. Hon. William Howard Taft, President of the Hampton Institute Board of Trustees, will present the candidates for diplomas and will make an address on the afternoon of May 2. The Rev. Dr. M. Ashby Jones, well-known clergymen of Atlanta, and Dr. Robert R. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute, will also speak on that day.

The program for May 2 will include several student addresses and demonstrations showing how Hampton Institute fits boys and girls for useful living.

The Hampton Institute Alumni, of which William M. Reid, Portsmouth, Va., Class of 1877, is president, will hold special exercises on the evening of May 1. A large chorus will sing many of the old-time plantation melodies.

Alexander B. Trowbridge of New York, President of the National Hampton Association and a trustee of the school, will bring to the semi-centennial celebration a special Hampton party of warm friends. This party will include many of the active workers in the Hampton and Armstrong associations scattered throughout the North.

The Hampton trustees serving on the Hampton Anniversary Committee are: George Foster Peabody, chairman; Alexander B. Trowbridge, secretary; William H. Taft; Francis G. Peabody; Clarence H. Kelsey; James E. Gregg; Arthur Curtiss; and W. Cameron Forbes.

DATES FOR NEXT BUSINESS LEAGUE MEETING ANNOUNCED

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., special.—After consultation with Dr. Robert R. Moton, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Mr. J. C. Napier, President, Mr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary of the National Negro Business League, announces that the next meeting of the League will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, August 13, 14, and 15.

Mr. Aaron E. Malone, President of the Pop College and also President of the St. Louis Negro Business League, headed a committee from St. Louis at the last meeting of the League held in Atlantic City, N. J., and brought letters from the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce of St. Louis, urging the Business League to hold its annual session there in 1919. This invitation was accepted and Mr. Malone immediately took steps looking forward to the entertainment of the League.

Mr. Emmett J. Scott also announced that the proceedings of the Chattanooga and Atlantic City meetings have been turned over to the National Baptist Publishing Company of Nashville, Tennessee, for publication, and will be issued soon.

BETHEL LITERARY SOCIETY.

United States Senator Wm. E. Mason and Hon. Edward H. Wright will speak in Bethel Literary Society next Tuesday evening, April 29th, at eight o'clock. Subject, "League of Nations." The society will be favored with a reading by Mrs. Fannie Hall Clint, and the musical numbers are offered by Prof. E. Grundy's choir, assisted by his famous male quartette. Short addresses by Rev. J. M. Henderson and Rev. W. D. Cook.

Free admission. Everybody invited.

Sandy W. Trice, Pres.
J. W. Bell, Sec'y.

Mrs. Sandy W. Trice, who has been sojourning in Hot Springs, Ark., for the past month, has returned to her home, 6438 Eberhart ave., very much improved in health. She spent several days in Memphis en route home.

MOTHER'S GRIEF

By Marie Jefferson

Oh! could I call her back to me,
It is sad to be alone.
The summer comes with its pleasures.
Where is my daughter gone?

The face that once like springtime
Smiles on earth no more I'll see.
Like a rose bright life of joy
Such unto her was given.
So, daughter, you must travel alone,
Your sister is in heaven.
The flowers are growing, the flowers
she sowed.

The vine is dropping with its load,
Oh! could I call her back to me!
And as she left her pleasures and
flowers,
Oh! must I call it rain!
And through the long summer hours
She never will enjoy again.

CHIPS

Mrs. Geneva Smith, 5363 S. Dearborn street, was indisposed Easter Sunday and was unable to enjoy the day and to attend the Amateur Minstrel Show and Dance at the Eighth Regiment Armory.

Charles S. Jackson, the up-to-date funeral director, 3315-3317 S. State street, still holds his own in his line of business, and at all times he gets his share of business, which is constantly floating around among the South side undertakers.

Gen. J. M. Lawrence and his sister Mrs. James Warren, 3306 Indiana avenue, will in the near future store their household belongings, rent out their home and start on a long vacation trip throughout the country, arriving at Atlantic City, N. J., in time to attend the sessions of the Knights of Pythias the latter part of August.

Prof. A. J. Bowling, member of the moving picture censorship board and pastor of the Turner Memorial A. M. E. Church, was happily united in marriage to a charming young lady out in Kansas Easter Sunday. The latter part of this coming week prof. Bowling and his new bride will be at home at 4102 Vincennes avenue.

Mrs. A. V. Musgrove, who is successfully engaged in the theatrical costume business at 184 W. Washington street, spent last Saturday and Easter Sunday in Benton Harbor, Mich., where she assisted the supervising the staging of a new show, which started on the road from that point for which she had constructed the costumes.

Cat a Model to Children.

In some of the little books which were published from 1800 to 1850, and a few of them even earlier, one finds the cat frequently set up as a model of good behavior, especially for little girls. She taught them by her example to wash their faces once a day, to look clean and neat, and when they walked out of doors never to step in the wet. One significant sentence reads: "It would be well for little girls to sit as still while they are learning their lessons."

Bible's Place in the World.

Bacon furnishes more than seventy allusions to the Bible in twenty-four of his essays. Addison, Johnson, Pope, Young, Browning, Tennyson, abound in Scripture. "For more than 1,000 years," says Coleridge, "the Bible, taken collectively, has gone hand in hand with civilization, science, law—in short, with the moral and intellectual cultivation of the species, always supporting and often leading the way."

As to Snobs.

The true gentleman and the true gentlewoman are always above snobbery. The glitter and glare of wealth, the vulgar show of money, the display of possession—these are not the evidences of real superiority. Character and true worth are the only standards by which men and women can be judged, whether they be rich or poor. And, as for snobs, why, may heaven save us from them.—Exchange.

First Automobile.

There has been considerable discussion as to who built the first automobile, but it is generally admitted that no one man can be given the credit, as the automobile is the result of work along the line for more than three centuries. The first horseless carriages, as they were called, were very crude and quite unlike the modern automobile.

How Expression Originated.

"Cooking his goose" is a phrase which originated when the king of Sweden, on approaching a hostile town, excited the contempt of the inhabitants by the smallness of his army. To express this they hung out a goose for him to shoot at, whereupon the king set fire to the town to "cook their goose."

Rare Bells of Gold.

Gold and copper bells served as money among the peoples of Mexico and Central America before the time of the American Indian. The gold bells of Costa Rica are exquisite examples of metal-work; many of them are modeled in the form of birds, monkeys and grotesque heads.

Flowers and the Voice.

Flowers are said to have a remarkable effect on the voice. Sims Reeves never cared to smell a rose; he said the perfume of a bouquet of flowers made his throat "off singing for a week." Another famous opera singer declares that the odor from a bunch of violets makes his voice quite husky.



CAPTAIN W. S. BRADDAN

Chaplain of the 370th W. S. Infantry will contribute his first article on the history of the Eighth Regiment in France in The Broad Ax, Saturday, May 3.

Insects Do Much Good.

Although insects damage the crops, stored products and domestic animals in the United States to the enormous amount of \$1,200,000,000 every year, nevertheless this damage is almost compensated by the good they do. Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the bureau of entomology, at the National Museum told of the value of the useful insects as cross-fertilizers of plants, as affecting the soil, in producing honey, silk, etc.

Many Kinds of "Money."

Anything that is used in trade as a medium of exchange or a measure of value, recognized alike by both parties to a transaction, is money. It may be wampum, skins of animals, shells, metal or paper, but if by government authority or by common consent it is recognized as a medium of exchange or a measure of value it is money. Even live animals have served the purposes and uses of money.

Queer Post Office Names.

Strange names have been given to post offices in the United States according to the list issued by the post office department. In Missouri there is an Ace; in West Virginia, Affinity; a Barefoot in Georgia; a Bigfoot in Texas; in Idaho, a Blowout; in Missouri, a Braggadocio; a Chuckle in North Carolina; a Difficulty in Wyoming; in Texas, a town called Mud.

Calf Was Just Right.

Carolyn was delighted when she received an invitation to spend a week in the country with a friend of the family, and expressed herself to a little friend she was playing with like this: "Yes, they have pigs and chickens and a cow and a little calf. I can't milk the cow, but I can milk the calf—it's just my size."

City of Rubies.

Mogok is a Burmese city which handles daily large fortunes in rubies. Mogok runs heaps of priceless, glittering stones through its fingers, appraises them carelessly and then as carelessly lets them go to some dealer in gems. It almost seems like the play of children with bits of brightly-colored glass.

Ancient Medium of Exchange.

Among some ancient tribes oxen and sheep served as a medium of exchange, ten sheep being reckoned equivalent to one ox. The Latin word for money is pecunia, and it is derived from the pecus (cattle), showing that pecunia (money) meant property in cattle.

Beantown Note.

Eph Trittip, prominent livery stable, has got a new pair of glasses, as he expects to attend the "Follies" up to Indianapolis tonight. Eph had quite a time deciding whether to get eye glasses or nose glasses.—"Beantown Bugle" Correspondence in Indianapolis Star.

Why Spinsters.

The reason that unmarried ladies are called spinsters is that formerly women were prohibited from marrying until they had spun a complete set of bed linen. If the same rule prevailed today what a falling off there would be in the marriage rate!

Eh? What?

A Wilkes-Barre, Pa., telegram runs as follows: "H. M. Beck says that the odor of a woodcock is very distasteful to many animals and he has known dogs that were splendid retrievers on other game birds positively refuse to pick up a woodcock."

Where Cats Are Popular.

In some parts of Spanish Guinea there is a constant plague of rats—so much so that the first thing the traders ask the traveler is whether he has brought a cat with him. They will cheerfully barter a sheep for a cat.

For Artificial Limbs.

Willow or other wood of a similar nature has heretofore been made use of in the manufacture of artificial limbs, but a cheaper and at the same time superior substitute has been found in a composition in which celluloid largely enters. The composition is made use of by spreading upon pieces of fabric, which are then wound about a mold. The new material is said to be light, easily worked and of trivial cost.

As to Democracy.

If democracy means that any man may help who can, that school and university will give every man and woman the fairest chance, the most generous inducement to help, to do the thing he can best do under the best conditions, then, yes; but if democracy means getting up a riot and boycott among the stupid and lazy and illiterate whenever anything is doing, then I say no!—H. G. Wells.

Original "Yeomen."

The title "yeoman" is of military origin, and the yeomen were so styled because, besides the weapons fit for close engagement, they fought with arrows and the bow, which was made of "yew," a tree that has more repelling force and elasticity than any other. After the Conquest the name of yeoman, as applied to their original office in war, was changed to that of archer.

One Good Friend.

We are the weakest of spendthrifts if we let one friend drop off through inattention, or let one push away another, or if we hold aloof from one for petty jealousy, or heedless roughness. Would you throw away a diamond because it pricked you? One good friend is not to be weighed against all the jewels of the earth.

Discolored Ceilings.

It is frequently found that the ceilings immediately above incandescent mantles become blackened. If white-washed, it can be cleaned by being rubbed over with a mixture of starch and water of the consistency of cream. A soft flannel cloth should be used. When dry gently rub off the starch. The black stain will come with it.

One-Sided Proposition.

"Well, I declare," exclaimed Aunt Nancy, gazing at the photograph of a Britisher all dressed up in his monocle, "if these English people ain't the savinest fellers! Think of wearin' only one spec'! Just to save the other. But then," she added thoughtfully, "mebbe the poor critter is blind in one eye."

To Live Long.

Spend as much time out of doors as possible; exercise freely in the open air; let air and sunshine into your home. In short, respect the human structure; let the family physician examine each one of the family twice a year.

A Whitman Reflection.

There is, in sanest hours, a consciousness, a thought that rises, independent, lifted out from all else, calm, like the stars, shining eternal. This is the thought of identity—Yours for you, whoever you are, as mine for me.—Walt Whitman.

Tempted.

"I have never been what you might call a lover of hoss flesh," remarked the facetious feller, "but dern if I won't be tempted to try it if it's any cheaper."

Ally for Mother.

Little Elsie (after being punished)—"I think papa is dreadful. Was he the only man you could get, mamma?"—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Pretty Soft-A?

Who remembers the old days when we got our toes pulverized standing in line for our granulated sugar per-